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the control system is adapted for selecting the first transmission system if the signal is a data signal and selecting the second transmission system if the signal is an audio signal.

27. (AMENDED) A method of selecting a transmission system from a plurality of systems by establishing prioritizing [criteria] criteria based on input signals, operating conditions, wherein one of the operating conditions is the determination of whether the transmission is [occurring] occurring during peak or off-peak periods, and functionality of the selected transmission system, comprising the steps of:

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- a. establishing a priority hierarchy based on three sets of criteria comprising: class of input signal, operating conditions and functional characteristics of the transmission systems;
 - a. providing a first priority transmission system;
 - b. providing at least a second priority transmission system;
 - c. selecting the first priority transmission system over the second priority transmission system for transmitting the input signal captured at the remote location;
 - d. defaulting to the second priority transmission system in the event that the first priority transmission system is not available.

33. (AMENDED) A processor based apparatus for selecting a transmission system from a plurality of systems by establishing prioritizing [criteria] criteria based on input signals, operating conditions and functionality of the selected transmission system, comprising:

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- a. means for establishing a priority hierarchy based on three sets of criteria comprising: class of input signal, operating conditions and functional characteristics of the transmission systems;
 - b. means for providing a first priority transmission system;
 - c. means for providing at least a second priority transmission system;
 - d. means for selecting the first priority transmission system over the second priority transmission system for transmitting the input signal captured at the remote location;
 - e. means for defaulting to the second priority transmission system in the event that the first priority transmission system is not available.